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## CONVOCATION

### 191<sup>st</sup> SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

#### Quebec City, 22 and 24 October 2012

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Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 191<sup>st</sup> session in Quebec City at the Quebec City Convention Centre (QCCC).

#### 1. PARTICIPATION

The Governing Council is composed of three members from each parliament represented in the IPU\*.

In accordance with Governing Council Rule 2, "a member of the Governing Council who is unable to attend may be replaced by another representative of the Union Member in question duly authorized for that purpose". The IPU Secretariat should be notified accordingly.

#### 2. DOCUMENTS

To the extent possible, working documents pertaining to items on the provisional agenda will be sent out to Members in advance **and posted on the IPU website**.

#### 3. PROCEEDINGS OF THE SESSION

***First sitting: Monday, 22 October  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.***

The first sitting will start by examining items 1 to 6. It will then receive a presentation of the *draft Programme and Budget for 2013* (item 7). Time permitting, the Governing Council will also cover item 10: *Reports on Recent IPU specialized meetings*.

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\* Each parliament's representation on the Governing Council must include both men and women. Single gender delegations will be limited to two members (Rule 1.2 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

The greater part of the first sitting will be given over to the presentation of the *draft Programme and Budget for 2013*. Each geopolitical group will be invited to select a spokesperson on the budget who will report their group's comments and views when the budget is opened for discussion on Wednesday, 24 October.

***Second sitting: Wednesday, 24 October  
2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.***

At its second sitting, the Governing Council will debate and adopt the *draft Programme and Budget for 2013* (item 7) and will then proceed to examine all remaining items on its agenda.

**4. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

The provisional agenda for the session prepared by the Executive Committee at its 263<sup>rd</sup> session (April 2012) is as follows:

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Approval of the summary records of the 190<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council**
- 3. Questions relating to IPU membership and observer status**
  - (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the IPU
  - (b) Situation of certain Members
  - (c) Observer status
- 4. Report of the President**
  - (a) On his activities since the 190<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council
  - (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee
- 5. Interim Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the Union since the 190<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council**
- 6. Financial situation of the IPU**
- 7. Draft programme and budget for 2013**
- 8. Cooperation with the United Nations System**
- 9. Implementation of the IPU Strategy 2012-2017**
- 10. Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings**
- 11. Activities of committees and other bodies**
  - (a) Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
  - (b) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
  - (c) Committee on Middle East Questions
  - (d) Gender Partnership Group
  - (e) Committee on International Humanitarian Law
  - (f) Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS
  - (g) Meeting of young parliamentarians

**12. 128<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly**

The 128<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly will take place in Quito (Ecuador) from 22 to 27 March 2013.

**13. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings**

- (a) Statutory meetings
- (b) Specialized meetings and other events

**14. Appointment of two Auditors for the 2013 accounts**

(cf. Rules 41 of the Rules of the Governing Council)

**15. Elections to the Executive Committee**

(cf. Article 23 of the Statutes and Rules 37, 38 and 39 of the Rules of the Governing Council)

*The Governing Council will elect one member to replace Mr. A. Alonso Díaz-Caneja (Mexico) whose term of office expires at the time of the 191<sup>st</sup> session of the Governing Council and one member to replace Mr. M. Vardanyan (Armenia) who is no longer a parliamentarian.*

**5. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

In conformity with Governing Council Rule 13, members of the Council may request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda. Such items must fall within the competence of the Council which, according to Article 20.1 of the Statutes, determines and guides the activities of the Union and controls their implementation.

Any requests for the inclusion of supplementary items will be immediately transmitted by the Secretariat to all Council members. After hearing the opinion of the Executive Committee, the Council shall decide on such a request by a majority of votes cast if the request is received by the Secretariat at least 15 days before the opening of the session; otherwise by a two-thirds majority.

**6. DOCUMENTS**


To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to Members and posted on the IPU website in advance.

We look forward to fruitful discussions in the Governing Council next October and remain,

Yours sincerely,



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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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